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Letter dated 19 July 1995 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i.
of the Permanent Mission of Jordan to the United Nations
addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text of the statement of His Excellency Mr. Abdul-Karim Kabariti, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, regarding developments in the situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under item 28 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Fuad A. BATAINEH
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

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ANNEX

Statement made on 19 July 1995 by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Jordan regarding developments in the situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina

The Government of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan notes with deep concern and with the strongest possible censure the deterioration of the situation in the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, which has been caused by acts of Serb aggression and the grave human rights violations that have been committed there, with their succession of atrocities inflicted on the inhabitants of Bosnia and Herzegovina as part of the policy of the ethnic cleansing of Bosnian Muslims.

The Serb forces are continuing their practice of occupying safe areas, forcing their inhabitants into exile, or killing or raping them or sending them to concentration camps. This is taking place in the heart of civilized Europe during the era of human rights, democracy and freedom. It would be reprehensible in the extreme not to put an end to such practices, and the United Nations and the great Powers should not remain mere spectators.

The fact that the United Nations, the great Powers and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) are renouncing their political, military, humanitarian and moral responsibilities is a source of perplexity and indignation, especially when one sees the tragedy of Srebrenica and its inhabitants being repeated at this very moment in the safe area of Žepa.

While condemning in the most vigorous terms the acts of aggression that have been perpetrated by the Serbs, the Government of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan requests the United Nations and the great Powers to carry out their mandate and assume their responsibilities by putting an end to this aggression and this tragedy, failing which we shall demand that they allow the Bosnian people to exercise their basic, legitimate and inalienable right to their legitimate defence, by immediately lifting the embargo on arms to Bosnia and Herzegovina and giving all those who are willing to do so the opportunity to make their contribution to the defence of the Bosnian people and State.

(Signed) Abdul-Karim KABARITI
Minister for Foreign Affairs